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Grand Ball at West Point. WEST POINT, August 30th, 1844.

I have taken the liberty of sending you a few of my "pencillings by the way," in order to keep you au courant of affairs which are transpiring at

The following note, neatly printed, was received in New York a few days since, which will explain how I happen to be writing from this place, and will serve as an introduction to the brilliant fête which came off here last evening-in relation to which I propose to send you these hasty remarks.

"The U. S. Corps of Cadets request the pleasure Misses (&c. &c. &c.) company at their Military Ball to given at West Point on the 29th of August, 1844. "West Point, N. Y., August 17th, 1844."

It was signed by ten managers. With a view of attending to this invitation, and for the purpose of getting rid of a little of the tedium vita, a small party of four ladies and three gentlemen, of which

perb panorama of hills, mountains, country seats, villages and villas, and all the magical transformations of the bewitching scene, we arrived at this place yesterday at half-past ten o'clock in the forencon.

After landing we made immediate application to the hotel for rooms, but were informed that there were already about 250 persons staying at the house, although the capacity of the hotel was only sufficientifo accommodate about fifty. At length, however, as a matter of special favor, a small room in the attic, without any window, was obtained for the four ladies, and the gentlemen were promised the privilege of sleeping on the floor of the corridor or parlor during the night.

The gong soon announced to us the agreeable intelligence that le diwer etait servi, and we were soon seated in the commodious saloon a manger, where le repas was served, which I cannot say was tout a fair recherche. There was no soup, and I saw no fish; and, although there were plenty of ether dishes on the table to satisfy the whole company, there was so much hurry and confusion that none of the guests could eat with much comfort. There was a great deficiency of waiters, so that almost every person had to make his dinner off the dishes which were within his reach, without having his plate changed or other attention pand to him. But perhaps the maiter d'hote! is entitled to a little indulgence, on account of being unusually crowded just at this time; but I don't know what excuse he can offer for serving a dinner without soup and salad. The hotel is conducted strictly on the temperance principle; not even a drop of champagne can be obtained for dinner.

After waiting until 9 P. M., the report of several cannons were heard in quick succession. This was the signal for the ball to commence. Our party was soon seated in a carriage, which soon sat us down at the academy, which is the name of the building in which the ball is held. We entered, and the first coup d'ail of the immense and elegantly decorated saloon prepared for the occasion, w

the splendor of which we read in the Arabian Nights is fabulous.

The assembly was a kind of a Congress, in which all the States were represented.

The army of the United States was ably represented in the presence of Gen. Scott, the Commander-in-Chief, and other officers of high rank. The Navy of the United States, and the Mexican Navy by several officers belonging to these services. The Hon. Mr. Wickliffe, the Postmaster General, and his family, were also present. And among the company was quite a sprinkling of the étite of American aristocracy. The dancing commenced soon after 90 clock.

"A thousand hearts best happily; and when

after 90'clock.

"A thousand hearts beat happily; and when Music aweke with its voluptuous swell, Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spake again, And all went merry as a marriage belle."

The dancing continued without interruption until about one o'clock, when the company marched into the saloon, in which the supper was prepared; the tables in this saloon presented a scene of splendor which I cannot pretend to describe—it looked more as though it had been produced by Alladin's lamp than by human hands.

After the supper was over I prepared to withdraw from the ball; but it appeared as though but few were inclined to follow my example, the general sentiment which seemed to pervade the whole assembly was—
"On with the dance! let joy be unconfined,

To chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

The beautiful and accomplished daughters of General S. attracted much attention, and were amiable and polite to all.

The graceful Miss N., of Poughkeepsie, was dressed with great taste—her eyes evidently had made effect on the hearts of many of the young gendemen. The amiable Miss M., of Philadelphia, as usual, looked extremely well, and ever had a kind word or a smile to dispense to each of her admirers; but the belle who was considered as having carried off the palm, was Miss R. of New York.

Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear."

Her dress consisted of a white satin slip, over which was a dress of thin pink tulle, or crêpe erophane: it was very low in the neck, and trimmed around the neck with lace about four inches wide; the sleeves were short and tight; a girdle encircled her waist; her hair was dressed plain, but slightly ornamented wita flowers and golden ornaments; her shoes were of white satin; and she held a bouquet of flowers in her hand. There were many other ladies present who were truly distinguished for their beauty, dress, and accomplishments, who are deserving of a special notice, but of whom I have no time to speak.

The dancing, I understand, was kept up until daylight, when the company separated, much fatigued, but having highly enjoyed themselves. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the corps of Cadets for the handsome manner in which they got up this ball, and for their polite attention and behavior to all their guests.

PRIZE FIGHTERS BOUND OVER.—Joseph T. Long

PRIZE FIGHTERS BOUND OVER.—Joseph T. Long and John Smith, principals in the late prize fight, and John Holton, as aider and abetter, were bound over in Hingham on Saturday in the sum of \$1000, to take their trial before the next court in Plymoth county.—Boston Times, Sept. 2

Washington. [Correspondence of the Herald.] WASHINGTON, Aug. 28, 1844. The Herald-Polkamania-Hotels-Fourth of March next-Piney Point.

ondent, I have taken it upon myself to drop you a few lines, hoping that in so doing, I shall not trespass too much upon the thousands who daily read the Herald. And I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying a word or two upon a subject, in regard to which your course must receive the unqualified approbation of every lover of his country. I mean, sir, your full exposition of the low ribaldry contained in certain papers, which profess to be, par excellence, the very pinks of mo-

country. I mean, sir, your full exposition of the low ribaldry contained in certain papers, which profess to be, par excellence, the very pinks of morality and decency. It will be remembered, too, that some of these were the very journals which, not loop since, teemed with the lowest abuse of the Herald and its conductor. Who that has been a constant reader of your paper, will not bear witness to the able manner in which you have always maintained the interests and character of the American people at home and abroad; and to the spirit in which you have vindicated their institutions against the slaederous attacks of those who sought to hold them up to the ridicule of Europeans, while many of your brother editors were catering for the base appetites of hackneyed politicians, and their unprincipled followers. Some of your illustrations are really rich—for instance, the duel. A Phiz, or an Alfred Crowquill could not have done better. Pursue the course you have hitherto followed, and the Herald will always be what it now is—the most enterprising and independent paper in New York.

I almost despair of being able to say any thing likely to prove interesting to your readers, as this "city of magnificent designs, and convenient distances," is proverbially dull in the summer. Politics here, as elsewhere, are all the rage. In the bar-rooms, saloons, and streets, you may hear the name of Polk as often, and from as beautiful lips, as the magic word Polka in the brilliant reunions of Saratoga and Newport. In this place the coons have hitherto had it nearly their own way in respect to processions, &c.; but, on last Monday, the "young and the old Democracie" turned out, in all their strengh, at the dedication of the hickory, which has been lately planted in front of the Globe office. There was a whole host of speakers, who enchained the attention of an immense assemblage of persons until late in the night. The pole is about 220 feet high. About mid-way up was a platform, upon which was placed a small cannon, which boomed forth

for the edification of those whom business or other circumstances may keep at home.

Among all your extensive correspondence from the different watering places, I do not remember to have seen any thing in the shape of a letter from Piney Point. This is a fashionable resort of some note in this part of the country, situated about 120 miles from the District. I spent a few days there this season, and found the accommodations much improved. The gentlemanly proprietor seems determined to omit nothing which might tend to the comfort of his visitors. The crabs, oysters and bathing are unsurpassed. I only hope it may be free from the presence of a certain clique who go ahead of the jack-straw aristocracy of New York.

Nous verrons. ALETHEIA.

Schenectady.

much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political tea chat that fills the minds and mouths of all, from the priest down. But to news.

This place has two tobacco manufactories on a pretty large scale.

Since the great Albany Mass Convention a depreciation appears to have existed in Locofoco money matters, but whether it is a real or sham affair, I know not. One thing I teel sonfident, that as fare was reduced to twenty-five cents to Albany and back on that day, the cars were well loaded, and since then money is not so rife; but as Union College goes again next week, we live in great expection and hope of being able to do a little then, hoping to recover our less of Convention money by bringing of student eash.

Building is going on rapid, and P. J. Clute & Sons are just finishing one of the largest and most superb machine and foundry establishments, I have no doubt, in this State. It is truly a mammoth, and when done, I don't know but a description will prove interesting to your readers, and I may give it. Serious talk is now affoat that the large Railroad Depot which formerly extended from State to Liberty streets, that no doubt you have seen, which was destroyed a tew years ago by fire, is to be rebuilt, and that of no combustible matter as it was formerly.

Once more and I close. The Odd Fellows of this city, and the Methodist Church have come to loggerheads, the Order desiring to obtain the church to hold a meeting in and lecture, and the members of the church, who are not Odd Fellows, refusing. What will be the result I know not, but as the Order have a good footing in the church, I should not be surprised if a muss ensued. More anon.

New Haven.

[Correspondence of the Herald.] NEW HAVEN, Aug. 28th, 1844.

Public Informers-Police Suckers-Connecticut Blue MR. BENNETT :-

Sir-A large portion of this community have an idea that New York is just the worst place in the whole world. Now I will endeavor to give your readers a short sketch of what is going on in this "goodly city of elms," as some writers are pleased to call it, and then let candid persons judge for themselves which is the worst, New Haven or New to call it, and then let candid persons judge for themselves which is the worst, New Haven or New York, according to the size of the place. In New York you have persons who are called regular public informers by profession. Here we have half a dozen such persons. There are most of them reformed drunkards, and a more lazy, rascally set of loafers cannot be found. By this statement I don't intend to cast any reflection on the Temperance Society in this city—for as a Society there is none more respectable or larger in this State; but I mean those who think that because they have left off drinking, are pertect, and have a right to insult every one whom they please. I mean those who "lounge and loaf" about Nott's corner from morning till night—smoking and squirting tobacco juice in every direction, and staring at every respectable female who chances to meet these locometive nuisances—these fellows are also connected with a portion of our "indefatigable police"—and any poor widow, or any poor person who is compelled to keep an oyster shop for a living, these fellows will pounce upon, have them arrested for selling beer "contrary to the Connecti cut Laws in such cases made and provided;" have them fined \$5 and costs, in all about \$11. The next morning they all meet and divide the spoils, purchase more segars and tobacco, then "lay low" to another victim. But there is "a rod in pickle" for them, and ere long they will find something else to attend to but loafing and smoking segars.

We are to have a grand Mass Convention here next week, on Thursday. The whigs have made arrangements to accommodate 20,000 persons sectifies. They are to have sixteen bands of music, with songs from Jo. Hoxie & Co. It is expected that the Hon. Joseph L. White will address the meeting, together with the speech.

Yours, &c., Gulliam Tall.

THE CREVASSE AT BONNET CARRE.-For more the deck of a steamboat, with a telescope, you may get an occasional glimpse of the flood, in the rear of the sugar fields, which, with their deep green hues, contrast strong. Iy with the turbid, yellowish sheet of water, which stretches away into a dark forest of towering cypress trees. As you draw nigher the object of your visit, each gap or avenue between the growing canes displays an augmented surface of refluent water. But this invasion of the waters is soon arrested by the inclined plain which the plantations every where present, and this barrier of course, prevents the inundation from extending much beyond the margin of the swamps. As there has been much misconception respecting the phenomena incident to creasses (in this particular instance, it has been gravely said, that the intundation was twenty feet deep upon the surrounding plantations.) It may not be amiss to glance at the Correspondence of the Herald.

SCHENECTADY, Aug. 31, 1844.

Tobacco—Cash—Building—Odd Fellows.

Sir—Oft as I take up your paper, I cannot avoid expressing if not audible, yet inward, surprise that Durip has no regular correspondent; ergo, I have some to the conclusion, if thee see fit, now and then, possibly daily, to apprise thee of our doings. Durip is Durip still, in spite of all trials to make it otherwise, and still we have considerable news yet that might interest you and your readers. We have political meetings on both sides, and we have much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political meetings on both sides, and we have much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political meetings on both sides, and we have much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political meetings on both sides, and we have much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political meetings on both sides, and we have much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political meetings on both sides, and we have much sport daily in seeing the vastly exaggerated political tea chat that fills the minds and mouths of all, from the priest down. But to news.

planted with aquatic shrubs that would outlive the occasional inundations.—New Orleans Bulletin.

Desperate Chase.—On the 25th ult., a burglar managed to effect an entrance into Feale's Museum, and, as it subsequently appeared, being no stronger to the premises, he immediately hunted up two purols which had been left there. These he loaded and primed, for the purpose, no doubt, of making a desperate and deadly resistance, should he be discovered. He then proceeded to accomplish his burglarious purposes, by taking a number of articles belonging either to the proprietor, or those engaged by him at the Museum, after which he easily effected his entrance into the clothing setablishment of William Houlton, in the same building, fronting on Baltimore street. Here he selected a large number of ready made coats, pontaloons, vests, and other clothing, amounting in value, probably, to shout \$200, and then made his exit, going out through the same channel he had entered. The robbery was not discovered until Monday morning, when a requisition was made for the aid of Hays, Zell, Ridgely and Cook, who were informed that suspicion strongly attached itself to a certain G. A. T. Turner, "Equestrian, of New York." The officiers were steadily on the look out for him, both day and night, and notwithstanding they could find, here and there, portions of the stolen property, either sold or pawned to unsuspecting parties, who readily, on demand, surrendered it up, yet Turner was nowhere to be found. On Friday night, however, the officers had reason to suspect that he would make his appearance in a boat on the Falls, and they therefore repaired to the spot, in the rear of the Front st. Theatre, and at about 10 oclock, the easi of the boat were heard. The suspected individual, thinking that such a mode of travelling, at that late hour, would certainly ensure his safety, hurried to the landing place, and setting his craft adrift, was about ascending the stone steps, when he was suddenly and unexpectedly seized by the collar by officer Ri

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